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STANZAS.

I love to muse away these evening hours,
When wild thoughts over vale and mountain roams,
Uncurried and free—now among lone-wreathed boughs,
Now to the fireside of my youth's fond house.
Vesper his lone watch on aerial towers;
Hasten, and twinkles from Night's temple done—
Greats each fond look from earth—shines in each sphere
Of the bright eye that loves to wander to his sphere.

Such hours were always dear; there was a charm
About them, when in boyhood's wildest thrill,
Alone with Danger, linking arm in arm.
I clambered moss-crowned rocks, to reach the rill
At its pure fountain, and with pulse-beating warmth,
Drank from its pebbly brink, and up the hill
Still hastened, till I reached its woodland height,
Whence I could gaze o'er earth and starry heavens bright.

The birds had ceased their whisperings of song;
The breeze brought nothing but the murmurings play
Of meadow rivulets with their lily-throng.

And wasting fragrance of the flowers of May:
Then did my young heart, in its first hopes, long
For the pure world of beauty far away.

Where yonder Pleiades do shine and sing,
And Fancy, wildly wandering, never folds her wing.

I feel the breath of Spring; the violet opens
Its dew-drop eyes, and on its knotted stem.

The purple wild-rose spreads its leafy cups,

The vine its emerald leaves—a glistening gem,

On each, of moonlight; the tall forest tops

Are bursting into gorgeous bloom like them;

How bright and beautiful a bower is Spring!

Coming to deck her own loved halls, Old Wyoming!

But fairest worth than Spring, when Gertrude dwelt

Among these hills, and was thy playmate here;

When for her fallen beauty Nature felt,

And planted thy sweet roses by her bier;

Then, thy rude garland formed the Warrior's belt,

And flowers his helmet for the War's career;

E'en now some shadows of that time are cast

O'er many a heart, though fitting, like a day-dream, past.

Wyoming Valley, May, 1841.

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EULOGY ON GEN. HARRISON.

BY REV. E. N. KIRK.

Delivered at the Broadway Tabernacle on Friday Evening last.

A Nation is mourning its bereavement—a Nation is mourning its sins, in lowly prostration before the offended Deity. The active stir of business is suspended—the voice of mirth is hushed—the face of beauty is pale—the steps of many hasten to the house of prayer—the honorable and the base are gathered in the Temple of God. Ten thousand voices are raised to the glory on high. "Spare, O Lord, thy people, and give not thy heritage to reproach." The Lord has taken away our stay and our strength. He has removed the stay in which we trusted, and has cast the Nation on his naked arm. We had just been delivered from pressing difficulties—the voice of joy and gladness began to be heard in our land, when suddenly the sound of mourning and lamentation arose from the Northern Lakes to the Southern Gulf—from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains. It is in the presence of Death we mourn.

The man of the People's choice had been placed in the President's chair. The whole Nation rejoiced. But scarcely had the almost idolatrous gratulation of the people ceased—the sun had scarcely raised his cheerful disc above our horizon—when the scene was changed by an invisible and almighty hand. The people trembled. They supplicated—but the decree had gone forth. Words came from that silent chamber which changed the voice of joy into mourning and lamentation; and ere long Death completed the tragedy.

We must pause to hear the voice of the rod and him that hath appointed it. Death is at all times formidable to man as an inhabitant of Time and an inheritor of this lonely planet, full of God's bounties. We are loath to part from familiar scenes. We are by instinct cautious of life. When we see any one, even in lively life, die, we start as if appalled by the sight of a spectre. But when Death strikes a high mark—when it trends unrelentingly upon the highest and breaks through the ligature of the throat, our terror is enhanced. Death has conquered our unvanquished defender. It has dimmed the eye that watched only for his country's welfare—it has closed the ear that was open to our complaints, and ever ready to hear of the wants of the People—it has chilled the heart that throbbed with parental love for the people that called him Father. It has closed that hand, so honestly—so honorably pledged to defend the Constitution and to execute the laws. As was said at the death of the great Macabees, so now it may be said: "At the first terrors of this dreadful event, streams of tears flowed from the eyes of all the inhabitants. They were for a time struck dumb. They said—'How is the mighty fallen!—he who saved the people of Israel!'"

American—atheistical America, as she has been called—America, who has no National church—no National creed—no National clergy—America is now in the dust before God. To our friends and to our foes in Europe who ask, Where is your Religion without an Establishment? we reply. Behold it in the hearts of our People! with you it may be wise State policy to appoint and observe a fast; but with us none can doubt it is a genuine expression of public sentiment. Here is no royal patronage to encourage our People—it is a free fast, to which we are invited by a man who wishes us to bow before the chastisement of our common Father. And we have obeyed because we feel that God has afflicted us on account of our sins.

And what more appropriate on such an occasion than penitential songs? The songs of Isaiah and Jeremiah, and the hymns sung in the holy temple? Whether then it be considered expressive of our grief, or of our humiliation before God, this sacred music is a most desirable auxiliary to our purpose.

In the expressive language of the Prophet we have cause to fear the rod and Him that hath appointed it, this day, both in reference to the past and to the future. The rod is upon us, and it speaks of our sins, and another voice tells of the kindness of Him who hath appointed it. American! oh, America! my dear, my native land, hear the rod! Americans, my Countrymen! shall we hear not its voice? shall we fail to profit by it? Shall we not become better observers of Providence, and commune more closely with Him in whom we live and move and have our being?

In the first place, we are to learn our dependence on God. Nation after nation for nearly 6,000 years has been trying to attain prosperity independently of the favor of Jehovah. The experiment has been fairly made—made under every variety of circumstances, but in every instance the attempt has been unsuccessful. America sees the open page of history spread before her. Infidelity and Christianity are both exposed to her view, each in its own way. The one side failed because they adopted wrong political notions; the other failed simply and solely because they cast out the fear of God. It is for America to choose the right path, and millions yet unborn will be affected by her decision now.

The holy oracles proclaim that Jehovah reigneth in the armies of Heaven, and doth his pleasure among the inhabitants of earth—that it is He who lifts up, and He who casts down. This was believed by our fathers; but soon after the Revolution pernicious principles came into vogue—that scepticisms that denies to the Son of God the supreme control of human affairs. He is now teaching us by the rod of his chastisement. Let us bend in awe and reverence before

the voice of his stroke, and learn submission to his holy will.

From the spring of 1839 to the present day, there has been a tendency of the public mind toward a recognition of a unitarily superintending Providence. Events which human wisdom and prudence could not foresee or prevent seduced the movements of an unseen hand, and suggested the consulting of a Superior will. Blow followed blow—cloud came after cloud. Then came a gleam of sunshine—the spirits of the people were revived, and confidence began gradually to be restored. The majority of the people had chosen to rule over them a man who was opposed, not from personal, but political considerations; who had no enemies but such as envy made. There he sat, calm at the helm, inspiring new confidence in our institutions, new hopes for our Country. The Lord saw it, and saw that we had now yet learned where to put our trust, and again the presence of His hand must be felt. The rod is therefore upon us. It teaches us that there is an Almighty Disposer of all events, and that men should seek the counsel and aid of a sure director of all those unseen influences that control and overrule all the operations of man; and convinces us that there is something more than human prudence, patriotism and power which determines the fate of empires.

My country! God is teaching us that he reigns over us—that his favor is Life. We must learn that lesson or perish. We must learn to recognize the Saviour as the Governor of Nations—to obey, to trust, to submit to God as He has revealed himself in His Holy Word.

We had in the late President all that we could ask in a Chief Magistrate, to meet the wants of our hearts as well as of our judgements, and therefore we loved as well as trusted him.

Probably there is scarcely a man that combined both in history and character, so much of the qualification that office requires. Evidently fitted was he, of God, for his situation and his responsible duties. He had the peculiar talents for the head of the Government, more needed there than in any other office connected with the administration of the government.

Through a period of twenty years he was called to act in various capacities under the Government—as Secretary, Commander-in-Chief and Governor of the North-Western Territory. Here he displayed his great and peculiar talents—purity of purpose—knowledge of men—acquaintance with public affairs and principles of government. In his situation as Governor of the North-Western Territory he displayed all the varied talents; and, as he rose from station to station, he became still more useful. By the process of his arm he defended it—by the wisdom of his counsels he governed it, at a time singularly trying, when the Indians had renewed their savage border warfare—when murders were frequent and atrocious—when the whole frontier was filled with dismay—when the labors of the husbandmen were suspended, and many families deserted their homes to seek safety in flight. Gen. Harrison put the country into the best posture of defense, and restored confidence to the sinking hearts of the inhabitants.

His integrity of character was singularly conspicuous—though long possessed of opportunities of enriching himself, he lived and died poor, and that not from prodigality, but from integrity. He never used his immense power and influence to procure situations for his relatives or friends, if we except his Private Secretary. Once after his resignation of his office of Commander-in-Chief, he made up his mind to apply for a place at West Point for his son. One of his poor neighbors, however, he found, had applied for the same situation for his son, and Harrison immediately refrained from making the application; and the lad for whose sake he so nobly made way went to West Point and is now a distinguished citizen of Indiana.

Equally strong was his sense of honor. A political opponent, who had known him for forty years, said: "General Harrison never had a particle of dishonesty about him. He was honest in politics—in religion—in everything."

His benevolence was as remarkable as the other qualities of his noble mind, and exactly of that kind which is the antagonist of ambition. Some reproach the Government for their treatment of the Indians, but no such reproof can be cast on the name of Harrison. He had great military talents—which had led many even through dark scenes of blood and slaughter; but in no part of his long career as a warrior, can it be discovered that he ever wore his sword to defend America and liberty. (Applause, which was immediately hushed.) Let the historian speak, here for a moment:—"On the morning of the 27th the final embarkation took place on Lake Erie. The sun shone brilliantly; a gentle breeze wafted the ships towards that shore, on which it was supposed the flag of our Country must be planted, and the fire of the enemy and the yell of the savage. The General entreated his troops to remember that they were the sons of slaves whose fame was immortal—that they fought for liberty, whilst their foes fought for a Master." (Applause.) "Remember the river Raisin, but only whilst Victory is suspended—never injure a fallen foe!" The latter sentiment characterized all his military operations, even with the savages.

Once more, in alluding to his personal qualities, we refer to his simplicity of character. In personal character—in manner—in dress—he was the very man to please the People. He was an aristocrat in citizens' garb. His countenance was goodness—honest, frank and open; his eye emphatically the light of his body—gentle, but full of fire; mildness and energy were hardly ever more beautifully blended. One says, "He was cold—scrofulous; the poor and illiterate found no ready access to him as the great and learned. Even children were at home with him, and none but the guilty were swayed by his presence."

Harrison was born of a race distinguished for their patriotism and love of liberty. As far back as the times of Charles I., we find a Harrison condemned to the scaffold a King who had violated the laws of his Country as much as ever did any murderer. And of such descent was General Harrison. He was born and lived in the very school of Washington, and Adams, and Madison; and throughout the long period of his continuance in the service of his Country, he maintained an unbroken fidelity to her institutions and liberties. His time, property, domestic comfort, interests of his family, fortune and sacred honor, were laid on his Country's altar; and his dying breath uttered the sentiment that next to the fear of God, the love of his Country was cherished in his heart. "I wish you to understand the true principles of the GOVERNMENT; I wish them carried out—I ask nothing more!" Yes, departed Saint! those principles shall be carried out; and the last earthly wish of thy noble heart shall be granted!

Is his statement of the principles on which he intended to discharge the office of the Presidency, we have an exhibition of his enlightened views of our Constitution, and the proper mode of its administration:

The broad foundation upon which our Constitution rests being the People—a breath of theirs having made, as a breath can unmake, change or modify it—it can be assigned to none of the great divisions of Government but to that of Democracy. If such is its theory, those who are called upon to administer it must recognize, as its leading principle, the duty of sharing their measures so as to produce the greatest good to the greatest number. But, with these broad admissions, if we could compare the sovereignty acknowledged to exist in the mass of the People with the power claimed by other sovereignties, even by those which have been considered most purely democratic, we shall find a most essential difference. All others lay claim to power limited only by their own will. The majority of our citi-

zens, on the contrary, possess a sovereignty with an amount of power precisely equal to that which has been granted to them by the parties to the National compact, and nothing beyond. We admit of no Government by Divine right believing that, so far as power is concerned, the benevolent Creator has made no distinction amongst men, that all are upon an equality, and that the only legitimate right to govern is an express grant of power from the governed. The Constitution of the United States is the instrument containing the grant of power to the several departments composing the Government. On an examination of that instrument, it will be found to contain declarations of power granted, and of power withheld. The latter is also susceptible of division into power which the majority had the right to grant, but which they did not think proper to entrust to their agents, and that by themselves could not have granted, nor being possessed by themselves. In other words, there are certain rights possessed by each individual American citizen, which, in his compact with the others, he has never surrendered. Some of them, indeed, he is unable to surrender, being, in the language of our system, insenfible.

"The boasted privilege of a Roman citizen was to him a shield only against a petty provincial ruler, whilst the proud demagogue of Athens could conspire himself under a sentence of death, for a supposed violation of the national faith, which no one understood, and which, at times, was the subject of the mockery of all, or of banishment from his home, his family, and his country, with or without an alleged cause; that it was the act not of a single tyrant, but of an assembled country. Far different is the power of our sovereignty.

"It can interfere with no one's faith, prescribe forms of worship for no one's observance, inflict no punishment but after well-ascertained guilt, the result of investigation under forms prescribed by the Constitution itself. These special privileges, and those scarcely less important of giving expression to his thoughts and opinions, either by writing or speaking, unreservedly but by the liability for injury to others, and that of a full participation in all the advantages which flow from the Government, the acknowledged property of all the American citizen derives from no charter granted by his fellow-men. He claims them because he is him; if a man, fashioned by the same Almighty hand as the rest of us, and entitled to a full share of the blessings with which he has endowed them."

Such was General Harrison considered in reference to his qualifications for the Presidential chair, and such is our loss that it is the Lord who qualified, who gave him, and who has taken him away! Hear then, mourning Nation, the voice of the rod! It proclaims our complete dependence on a sovereign God. Today let it engrave on the heart of this people, and let them tell it to their children's children, that God's dominion is an everlasting dominion—that the Nation's name, but vanity—and that he doth according to his will among the armies of Heaven, and amongst the inhabitants of earth.

Again, the doings of Providence bring to our view our national and personal sins. This blow is but one of a series. The history of the last six years displays the resources of the Almighty hand when he means to visit a nation. Fire—storms—wrecks—numberless rumors of war—heart-burnings—volcanic and subterranean thunders of party strife—public disgust produced by an unparalleled succession of frauds and breaches of public faith—these have been the inflictions, superadded to ordinary afflictions, and to which the vain heart of man paid so little heed. For all these seem to have had one object—they did not strike suddenly enough to make the nation comprehend their meaning.

The last blow was sudden—may it be the last; it struck like an electric shock. Probably there was not a hamlet in all the land, that did not in a week after its occurrence hear the cry "The President is dead!" It came in the heat of the nation's enthusiasm; just when the spirit of man-worship was in its most lusty stage. God lifted the departed up to a nation's adoration, but at the same time proclaims his decree: "This day have I set my son on my holy hill of Zion; be wise now ye Kings, and be instructed ye Judges of the earth, serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling; Kiss ye the Son lest he be angry and ye perish from the way."

Space of one short month was given, that like Nineveh, we might repent and avert the impending blow; but we repented not and the rod fell. All our sins are comprehended in this sin of reflecting Christ; and all our national sins are personal sins, and the appropriate duty of this day is the review of our personal transgressions, and the putting away of our individual rejection and disbelief, and disregard of the supremacy of Christ and his precious Gospel.

He is a true patriot this day who carries a contrite heart to his closet—covers over his own sins and the Nation's sins—mourns over our love of money, over Sabbath-breaking, and our neglect of the Bible and of prayer. Let our entire influence henceforth be devoted to securing to Christ the praise and adoration of the Nation. Let us repent and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Let the clergy put aside us iniquity. Let the Church—the President—the Cabinet—the leaders of office—the People—let all fill this day in humility and sorrow for sin before an offended God, and join in seeking the face of the enemy and the yell of the savage. The General entreated his troops to remember that they were the sons of slaves whose fame was immortal—that they fought for liberty, whilst their foes fought for a Master. (Applause.)

This dispensation impresses the great realities that we must die, and that personal piety is the only preparation for that great change. Doubt if any event in our history has called forth such extensive and impressive convictions of this truth. It is remarkable how earnestly the secular press, refreshed the question—Was our noble friend prepared to die?—and how reluctantly they admitted that he was. The case of Elizabeth Speer, of Bellingham, Mass., only of 13 years of age, is truly interesting—one of the last and bitterest cases of infidelity. She was a child of God, and at times, it is said, even more than a saint. Her parents removed her from the school of Mrs. Almira Treadwell, at Northampton, and she was sent to a school in New Haven, Conn. There she was perfectly cured, after having been afflicted more than twenty years. Mrs. Almira Treadwell, a saintly woman, was perfectly cured, after the disease had excited for two years in her womb the most wonderful malady.

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his country see that, added to all that conscientiousness and disinterestedness which true piety creates, our beloved Ruler had the godliness which is profitable for the life that now is and for that which is to come. "It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the Judgment!" Fellow citizens, on this solemn day of fasting and prayer, let each one ask himself, "Am I prepared for the Judgment?"

Could his voice be heard amidst us again, think you, it would teach you to disregard the mercy of God and to despise his wrath? Oh! no, my countrymen, no! "Pause, pause," he would say; "pause, are you rash into the holy presence, where my soul now stands in fear and rapture? Young man, cease to struggle for party and for power. Ambitious public man, call not for worldly honors—behold the laurels that so lately wreathed my brow already withered in that tomb! Where now is the power and the glory of my saved situation? Evaporated by one breath of disease! Where is my soul? Here, where no political purity—no military renown—no classic bane—no National Gratitude—no personal worth—has raised me, but that grace of God in Christ, to which I fled as a perishing sinner. Living I would have labored for your temporal good, and have shown you my imperfections, but, inasmuch as you have shown me that it was the act not of a single tyrant, but of an assembled country, that so lately wreathed my brow already withered in that tomb! Where now is the power and the glory of my saved situation? Evaporated by one breath of disease! Where is my soul?"

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